

Covid Protocols for National, Regional and Sectional Tournaments

EFFECTIVE December 30, 2022

Based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following will be in effect:

1. **VACCINATION:** All staff, players and volunteers must have been vaccinated no less than 14 days prior to the event in which the player wishes to purchase an entry. (While the ACBL does not require booster shots, the CDC highly recommends the latest booster shots.) Unless prohibited by law, each player must provide proof of vaccination to the Event Safety Coordinator or a member of their staff. In areas or locations where requiring proof of vaccination is prohibited by law, the event sponsor must put in place other precautions, such as mandatory rapid COVID testing and mask requirements. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any changes or updates to this policy.

2. **MASKING:** Masks are optional. Players, staff and volunteers are advised to check the [COVID-19 Community Level rate](#) as determined by the CDC or a similar metric from a health agency in making their decision on masking. Masking is recommended if an attendee is at high risk for severe illness or otherwise is a member of a vulnerable population.

If a masked partnership requests that each of their opponents wear masks, those opponents are expected to comply. This ACBL policy does not countermand any ordinance or law in effect at the site of the tournament.

3. **HAND SANITIZER:** Hand sanitizer must be readily available inside the playing area.

4. **EVENT SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Each tournament sponsor must provide a designated Event Safety Coordinator, who will be available to review proof of vaccinations, provide masks, etc.